

Exposition Light Rail Transit Project



**Expo Board Presentation
Monthly Project Status Update
March 5, 2009**

PHASE 1



Design

- Baseline Design is approximately 95% complete
- Venice/Robertson design is 90% complete

Construction

- Construction is approximately 30% complete

Construction Packages

- Negotiated 15 of the 20 construction packages totaling \$362 million

Project Budget

- Currently within the construction and overall project budget
- There are still outstanding issues that could pose a significant risk to the budget



Project Schedule

- **Contractor's latest schedule update shows a 30-week project delay**
 - Delay in the cable design for LADWP overhead power lines at the La Cienega structure is driving most of the delay
 - Delays incorporating Caltrans 100% drawing comments for the Flower/Adams overcrossing
 - Delays in the wire pulling associated with LADWP overhead power lines at the La Brea structure
 - Authority has requested a recovery schedule from the contractor
- **Areas of potential further delay**
 - Aerial structures at La Brea, La Cienega and Ballona Creek
 - Incorporation of the Pedestrian Overcrossing at Farmdale Ave
 - LADWP power line relocations
 - Culver City aerial station
 - Storage and Inspection Facility

Current Construction Activities

- Continued preparing sub-grade and placing concrete for the trench invert slab (Seg A)
- Began retrofit of Caltrans Flower Street Bridge over the I-110 Freeway (Seg A)
- Completed installation of underground conduits and started formwork for Western Avenue Station (Seg B)
- Continued installing rebar and forming Abutment No. 1 at La Brea Overcrossing Structure (Seg C)
- Continued installing rebar and forming Abutment No. 6 at La Cienega Overcrossing Structure (Seg C)
- Started and completed forming upper section of Column 3 North at La Cienega Overcrossing Structure (Seg C)



Rebar Installation for Slab Placement at Trench Structure



Electrical Vault Welding at Crenshaw



Rebar Installation at La Brea Overcrossing Structure, Abutment No. 1





Placement of Foundation Forms for Western Avenue Station



**Clearing and Grubbing of Right of Way at
La Brea Ave and Rancho Cienega Park**



Began Retrofit of Flower/Adams Overcrossing and Walls at I-110 Freeway



Project Issue Summary

▪ Final CPUC Decision

- On February 20th, the California Public Utilities Commission approved the proposed crossing at the Harvard Pedestrian Tunnel. The application for the at-grade crossing at Farmdale Avenue was denied. A Pedestrian Overcrossing with Farmdale Avenue closed was deemed practicable.
- Next Steps for Harvard Pedestrian Tunnel
 - The Stop Work directive given to the contractor has been rescinded and the contractor can proceed with all construction activities at this location.
 - Staff began assessing pedestrian safety improvements and will prepare and submit a report to the CPUC's Consumer Protection and Safety Division no later than May 20, 2009.

Project Issue Summary (Cont.)

▪ Final CPUC Decision (Cont.)

- Next Steps for Farmdale Pedestrian Overcrossing
 - Complete Draft CEQA and NEPA environmental documents and submit to FTA (NEPA Lead Agency) and CPUC (CEQA Lead Agency) for review
 - Complete grade crossing application for Farmdale Avenue Pedestrian Overcrossing and submit to CPUC
 - Begin Preliminary Engineering on the Farmdale Pedestrian Overcrossing and closure of Farmdale Avenue

▪ Storage and Inspection Facility

- Completed environmental document for site
- Completion of design scheduled for June 2009
- Construction completion anticipated for Summer 2010

Project Issue Summary (Cont.)

- **Proposed joint development at Venice/Robertson Station**
 - Culver City is contemplating a joint development project adjacent to the Venice/Robertson station
 - Culver City has committed to reimburse design costs associated with modifications to the LRT bridge foundations to accommodate a subterranean parking structure
 - A reimbursement agreement is needed to cover the differential in construction costs should Culver City's design be implemented
 - A decision by Culver City is needed by March 2009 to avoid further delays to the project

Government/Community Relations

- Hosted Project Status Update Open House at Culver City Senior Center (Seg C)
- Provided project status updates to the following organizations:
 - Ward Villas Senior Housing (Seg A)
 - Foshay Learning Center's Parent Resource Center (Seg B)
- Attended regularly scheduled meetings, including:
 - Crenshaw Chamber Meeting (Seg B)
 - Ted Alexander Elementary School PTA Meeting (Seg B)
- Hosted Pizza Day at LA Trade Tech Child Development Center
- Attended monthly update meetings with USC and Expo Park to discuss coordination of events and construction activities
- Attended bi-monthly coordination meetings with LA Trade Tech staff to discuss construction activities, impacts and mitigation measures

PHASE 2



DEIR Release and Public Comment

- DEIR document 45-day public comment period began on January 28, 2009 and will end on March 13, 2009
- Conducted public hearings on February 18, 23, and 25
 - Over 150 stakeholders attended each hearing
 - Over 50 verbal comments were made at each hearing and several written comments were submitted
- Several hundred public comments have been submitted to date

Government/Community Relations

- Met with LADOT on February 17, 2009 concerning grade crossing configurations
- Conducted several briefings with agencies, organizations, businesses, schools and environmental groups
 - February 7: Crossroads Board of Trustees
 - February 8: Media Briefing
 - February 9: Westside COG Transportation Committee and Treesavers
 - February 10: Santa Monica City Council and Santa Monica Bayside District Land and Assets Committee
 - February 11: Light Rail for Cheviot
 - February 17: Santa Monica Community Meeting regarding Expo Phase 2
 - February 25: City of LA Mayor's Office, 18th Street Art Center and Lantana

Phase 2 Milestones		
Activity	Forecast Completion Date	Status
Scoping Meetings & Report	May - 07	Complete
Screening of Alternatives	Oct - 07	Complete
Administrative Draft to FTA	Nov - 08	No longer applicable
Conversion to CEQA Document	Dec - 08/Jan - 09	Complete
Public Comment Period/Hearings on DEIR	Jan/March - 09	Began on Jan. 28
Board Discussion of Preferred Alternative	April - 09	
Board Adoption of Final EIR	Oct - 09	
Design-Build Contract Award	Jan - 2010	

